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Dear Committee Secretary

I write to outline my opposition to the proposed \$750 million stadium at Macquarie Point. This is a key community site within the inner city precinct, one with Palawa first peoples' heritage value, scenic value, current accessibility to all who visit *nipaluna* Hobart - not just AFL fans. Though it may be offered for other groups and purposes, it involve a huge hire fee which will benefit AFL and not the HCC or State Government, no matter how much they contribute financial. With sports betting sadly now so harmful and prominent in our society community ethics and morale will be further undermined.

From a scenic point of view this site has immense potential to further elevate the appeal of scenic and historic boating infrastructure and a pedestrian waterside precinct unique to our beautiful city. A stadium will creat shape and monopolise the current skyline - from the River Derwent, the Eastern Shore, Salamanca, the Grand Chancellor (which IS in keeping with these values whilst celebrating our state's essential and coherent cultural hub). Major traffic inflows and infrastructure will also be impacted at a critical time.

As a taxpayer I object to public funding going towards this project both for the reasons outlined above and when thousands of Tasmanians can't get a home, more than 55,000 Tasmanians are on the health waiting list to see a specialist and the cost of living is making life harder for more and more Tasmanians. This Macquarie Point site has enormous potential and this proposed stadium will wipe it from the map forever and the precious ambience of our riverside city will be destroyed.

The AFL shouldn't be making Tasmanians pay for a new roofed stadium to have our own Tasmanian team. This is blackmail, pure and simple. No other state has been made to do this. Our State government should be the first to tell the AFL so and the last to support it. Fortunately we appear to have a federal Labor government which is setting the example - one that Premier Rockliff should whole-heartedly follow.

The current Liberal State government has not presented a business case that outlines the merits of this project or explained why our state should be burdened with further debt when the state already has two AFL standard stadiums, one in the north and one in the south that will now go to waste. Another stadium is the wrong priority for our state. Opposition leader Rebecca White is to be congratulated for understanding this. I have copied this text and sent it to The Hon Anthony Albanese MP and Prime Minister of Australia through his contact "window". I believe that this matter is so important.

Kind regards

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